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SOAR Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jan 26, 2011
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 26, 2011
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Jan 26, 2011
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 26, 2011
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 16, 2011
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 30, 2011
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Feb 16, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 471	Related bill	Apr 4, 2011: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 24.

Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act 2011 or SOAR Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award five-year grants on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations to carry out a program to provide expanded school choice opportunities to students who are District of Columbia (DC) residents and who come from households: (1) receiving assistance under the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; or (2) with incomes not exceeding 185% of the poverty line, except in certain grandfathered circumstances.

Prescribes special rules for funding opportunity scholarships for DC students.

Prescribes requirements for schools participating in such grant programs. Requires each participating school to administer a nationally norm-referenced standardized test in reading and mathematics to each enrolled student receiving an opportunity scholarship.

Repeals the DC School Choice Incentive Act of 2003 (title III of division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004). Deems this Act as the reauthorization of the opportunity scholarship program under such Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 16, 2011:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-195.
- **Jan 26, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 26, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S283)
- **Jan 26, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S283-287)